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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Intelligence Staff, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Conversation with Executive Officer, FE Division Regarding Chinese OB

1. In a conversation with [] 18 September, he referred to "TDI Change Bulletin Q-22", dated 16 September 1961 and further identified with a control number [] which reached his attention 18 September, having been sent by [] in OCI. [] said this bulletin deals "with new equipment now said to be on the Chinese Mainland".

2. [] asked if I had seen this bulletin, and I said that I had not. [] said that his reason for bringing it up was to inquire what the status of our TACKLE reactivation was. I told him that the paper we had prepared for the Special Group Meeting of 14 September had been blocked by General Cabell, who had asked that a paper be drawn up on U-2 survivability over the China Mainland. On questioning [] I was able to infer with a fair degree of accuracy that the bulletin mentioned above derives from intelligence from CORONA Mission 9023 reporting on the existence of certain surface to air missile sites in China. [] said, "I assume this bulletin stems from another activity of yours which requires a special clearance that is held only by the Chief, FE." I told [] that I felt this was the case. He then said that if this were true, it made it difficult on the [] who did not have access to the end product. He then asked me who controlled the clearances for material stemming from "this other product", and I told him that any overtures for billets should be directed to Mr. James Q. Reber, Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DPD, who was the Director's delegated control point for these clearances. I also indicated that the Director was under stringent White House controls regarding the number of people having access to this special information. I suspect that [] may seek to build a case for an increased number of TKH billets in FE before long.

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